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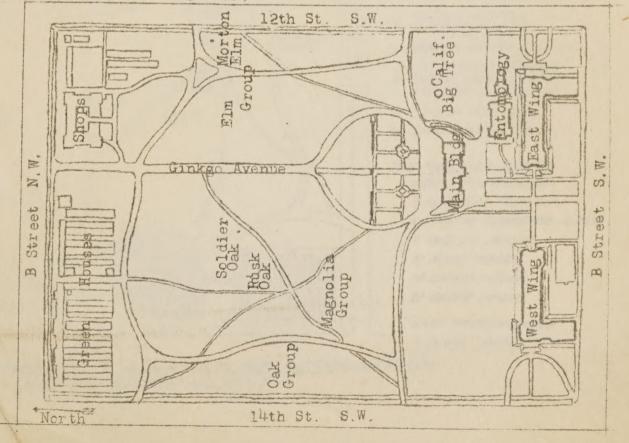


GROUNDS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
THE MALL - BETWEEN 12th AND 14th STREETS.

The grounds of the U. S. Department of Agriculture embrace about forty acres, constituting that portion of The Mall which is under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture. They were laid out and planted soon after the close of the Civil War by the late William Saunders, who for many years was Horticulturist of the Department. Mr. Saunders introduced the now famous Washington Navel orange and numerous other rare and valuable plants. Very early in the history of the Department, Mr. Saunders began the systematic introduction of hardy shrubs and trees from foreign countries, and the planting of these in groups on the Department grounds. He also brought together and planted on the grounds many of our own rare native species of trees and shrubs.

Special attention is called to the groups of oaks, magnolias and elms, all of which are indicated on the accompanying map. The entrance avenue of ninety fifty-year old Ginkgo trees constitutes one of the unusual features of the grounds, and one of the most striking examples of this species in the United States.

Fast of the world Administration Building is a section of a giant redwood tree which was on exhibition at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. Three memorial trees have been planted on the grounds, an elm tree planted by Secretary J. Sterling Morton, Father of Arbor Day, in April, 1894, 10-cated among the elms on the Twelfth Street side of the grounds; a willow oak in memory of the late J. M. Rusk (Secretary of Agriculture, 1889-1893), planted in April, 1901, by the late James Wilson, then Secretary of Agriculture, near the cement walk running northwesterly from the Administration Building to the green houses, and a white oak tree on Piney Hill nearby, planted March 26, 1919, by the then Secretary of Agriculture, David F. Houston, as a memorial to former employees of the Department who lost their lives in the World War.

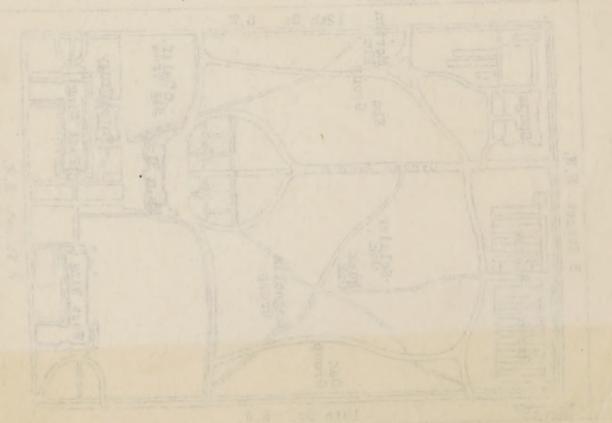


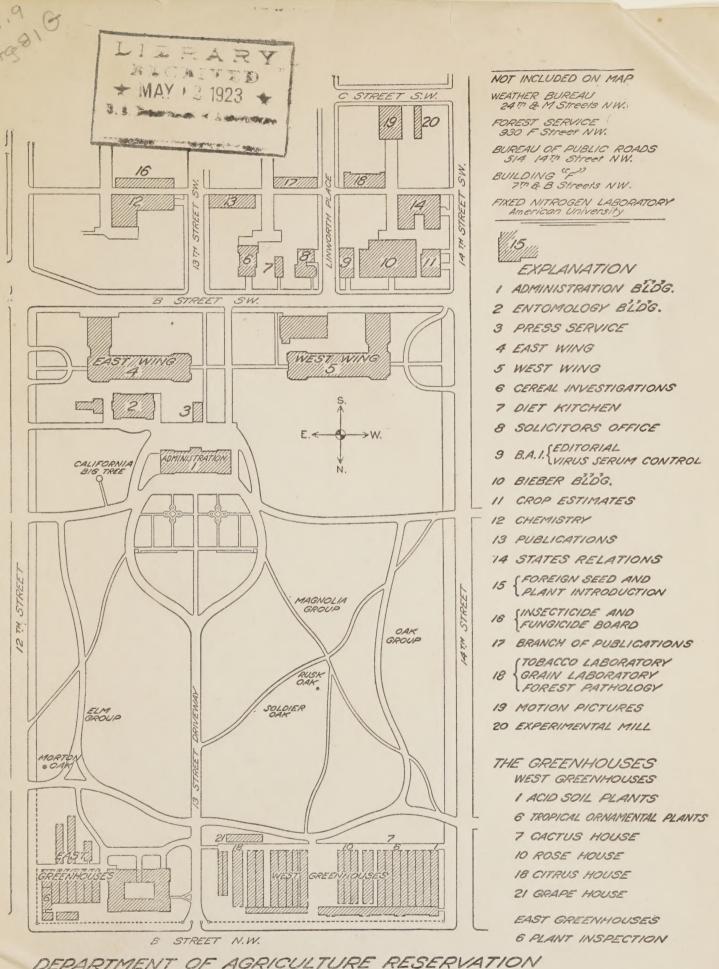
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